



April 24, 2014

Secretary Foxx
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I am writing to affirm the commitment of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to meet the matching fund obligations as described in our application for TIGER VI funding of the Red Line Transportation Opportunities Plans (TOPS). The City is committed to providing \$900,000 of County Transportation Bond funds in support of the project.

TOPS is a Functional Master Plan, will establish a framework for the City's investment in transportation, education, recreation, and economic development. Through an interdisciplinary, inter-jurisdictional and stakeholder driven process, TOPS will plan for infrastructure and community investments that:

- Derives the full community benefit of the federal, state and local Red Line commitment;
- Optimizes productivity of the transportation system and public/private investment;
- Realizes improved community connections to regional economic opportunities;
- Maximizes public and private involvement in transforming Baltimore; and,
- Develops policies to promote sustainable economic development and job creation.

The implementation of TOPS will lead to investment in Baltimore's citizens. It will establish interagency partnerships, policies, plans and strategies for ladders of opportunity. These will include strengthening access and connection to employment, workforce development, affordable housing, education, recreation, public safety and economic development.

Multi-year programs will be developed for access and connectivity by all transportation modes through intra city, inter regional; and other investments. TOPS will establish metrics, project schedules, and budgets for the management of the programs. Milestones will be established to measure performance in delivering expected benefits.

I would respectfully request that the City of Baltimore's funding application for TOPS receive full consideration, in accordance with established policies and procedures.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Johnson', is written over the printed name and title.

William M. Johnson
Director

cc: Valorie Lacour, DOT